

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE
UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW
RATE SCHEDULE "TLFF" CALLED TOWN OF LAUREL
FRANCHISE FEE RIDER (FILED JANUARY 29, 2016)
PSC DOCKET NO. 16-0123

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE WITHIN THE TOWN OF LAUREL, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

On January 29, 2016, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") an application requesting permission to charge all of its respective natural gas customers who reside within the Town of Laurel (the "Town") a surcharge called the Town of Laurel Franchise Fee Rider (the "TLFF"). The TLFF would be in the amount of \$0.0181 per 100 cubic feet ("Ccf") of delivered natural gas and would be based on a franchise fee that Chesapeake must pay the Town for using the Town's public roads and rights-of-way to provide natural gas service to the Town's residents. Chesapeake seeks to collect the TLFF from its customers as a surcharge on its customers' bills and has requested that the surcharge be effective for bills rendered on and after April 1, 2016.

On February 23, 2016, the Commission suspended the proposed surcharge pending further order. The Commission will consider whether to approve Chesapeake's application for the surcharge at its regularly-scheduled meeting to be held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016, commencing at 1:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held in the Commission's office located at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building, Suite 100, Dover, Delaware 19904. The Commission will render a decision based upon the evidence presented to it at that time.

If the Commission does not receive any meritorious objections or written comments raising significant issues, the Commission may, by later order, approve the proposed surcharge for the TLFF and tariff changes without further notice or proceedings. If meritorious objections or written comments are filed, the Commission will, by later order, determine the course of any appropriate further proceedings. These further proceedings may include the appointment of a Hearing Examiner to conduct an evidentiary hearing or the requirement that the Company make a separate regulatory filing in a new docket to address the matter.

If you wish to formally participate as a party in this matter, with the right to present evidence and be represented by counsel, you must file with the Commission a written petition asking for leave to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-2.9) **on or before Tuesday, March 8, 2016.** All such petitions should be e-filed according to the Commission's Rules (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-1.6.4). Petitions filed after the deadline of March 8, 2016, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you wish, you may file objections or written comments concerning this application **on or before Tuesday, March 15, 2016.** Such objections or written comments shall be filed **on or before March 15, 2016**, using the Commission's file management system, DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>) and by searching for Docket No. 16-0123. You are invited to review Chesapeake's application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 16-0123.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Donna Nickerson at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to donna.nickerson@state.de.us. You may also review copies of Chesapeake's application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at 820 North French Street, 4th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 or 29 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901. Please call either (302) 577-5077 (Wilmington) or (302) 241-2555 (Dover) to arrange for a time to review the documents at either of those locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <http://depssc.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address: <https://delafile.delaware.gov/Complaints/FOIA.aspx>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. ch. 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to joshua.bowman@state.de.us.
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